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From: John Sepehri
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Thanks Jennifer. I think we suggested ID notation legislation for this session but simply to codify our existing "two-step" ID notation practice. I think this bill differs from our existing practice, which I will discuss with Elizabeth and Ann. If someone wants to carry the bill attached to the below e-mail and the Legislature determines the bill is what it would like the procedure to be as a matter of policy, that is the Legislature's prerogative. I just wanted to be clear we didn't request the change to a "one step" ID notation practice (as noted in the memo I sent out on our legislative ideas for this session a few weeks ago).

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Attached is another draft bill -- I can't remember if (1) you guys still needed this; and (2) whether this was the correct version.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to identification requirements for certain first-time

3 voters.

4   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5   SECTION 1. Section 13.072, Election Code, is amended by

6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read

7 as follows:

8   (a) Unless the registrar challenges the applicant, the

9 registrar shall approve the application if:

10   (1) the registrar determines that an application

11 complies with Section 13.002 and indicates that the applicant is

12 eligible for registration; and

13   (2) except as provided by Subsection (e) or (f), for an

14 applicant who has not included a statement described by Section

15 13.002(c)(8) [13.002(c)(8)(C)], the registrar verifies with the

16 secretary of state:

17   (A) the applicant's Texas driver's license number

18 or number of a personal identification card issued by the

19 Department of Public Safety; or

20   (B) the last four digits of the applicant's

21 social security number.

22   (e) The registrar shall approve the application of an

23 applicant who otherwise meets the qualifications for registration

24 but states on the application that the applicant has not been issued

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1 an identification number described by Section 13.002(c)(8). The

2 registrar shall mark the list of registered voters with an

3 annotation indicating that the voter whose application is approved

4 under this subsection must provide a document or a copy of a

5 document described by Section 63.0101 the first time the voter

6 seeks to vote by appearing for voting in person or applying for a

7 ballot to be voted by mail.

8   (f) If the secretary of state is unable to verify the

9 applicant's Texas driver's license number, the number of a personal

10 identification card issued to the applicant by the Department of

11 Public Safety, or the last four digits of the applicant's social

12 security number, the voter registrar shall approve the application

13 and mark the list of registered voters with an annotation

14 indicating that the voter whose application is approved under this

15 subsection must provide a document or a copy of a document described

16 by Section 63.0101 the first time the voter seeks to vote by

17 appearing for voting in person or applying for a ballot to be voted

18 by mail.

19   SECTION 2. Section 18.005(a), Election Code, as amended by

20 Chapters 594 (H.B. 41) and 1295 (S.B. 74), Acts of the 80th

21 Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is reenacted and amended to

22 read as follows:

23   (a) Each original and supplemental list of registered

24 voters must:

25   (1) contain the voter's name, [residence address or

26 substitute post office box address, if required by Section

27 18.0051,] date of birth, and registration number as provided by the

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1 statewide computerized voter registration list;

2   (2) contain the voter's residence address, except as
3 provided by Subsections (b) and (c) or Section 18.0051;

4   (3) be arranged alphabetically by voter name; [and]

5   (4) contain the notation required by Section 15.111;
6 and

7   (5) identify each voter who failed to provide an
8 identification number described by Section 13.002(c)(8) and each
9 voter whose identification number was not able to be verified by the
10 secretary of state with an annotation indicating that the voter
11 must provide a document or a copy of a document described by Section
12 63.0101 the first time the voter seeks to vote.

13   SECTION 3. (a) The changes in law made by this Act to
14 Section 13.072, Election Code, apply only to a person who submits an
15 application to register to vote on or after September 1, 2009.

16   (b) The changes in law made by this Act to Section
17 18.005(a), Election Code, apply only to an election ordered on or
18 after September 1, 2009.

19   SECTION 4. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
20 over another Act of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009,
21 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
22 codes.

23   SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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